

Ses. wife & Edward Taylor D.E.

I have often thought lately of the following
"magna est scientia et praecebit"

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But while I speak thus playfully — & who can be sober & speak about that which is so perfectly ridiculous — tell it a time. of solemn interest with our Church. The effect of my Letter, & of their noticing what it has done to the unitarians, has been to render them "bold as a lion" — to encourage them in their attempts to do good. They meet their opposers with a neck yet assured & self-posseſſed manner. They seem to feel that truth has power & can not choose to apply it to any one. They possess themselves of the truths & arguments of my Sermon & Letter, & with these feel as if confidence & at the same time armed with what the enemies of truth cannot but feel. — But while there is confidence on the part of my people, the opposite is true of the other side. Some are "exceeding mad"; others inquiring What is truth: others convinced & about ready to abondon the position they now are in. The spirit of their first meeting, convinced one more who has tolled a member of my church that he shall leave them. Pray for us. I need wisdom. your brother S. Lee

counsel at the tips of thy Actions of Framing him. Monday evening thy met again to hear his report. All is now ~~settled~~, & the inference is that ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~top~~ A. told them to keep still - that thy counsel set no hold upon me. But there was not a choice in the street but counsel talk with great passage about Mr Lee, going to jail, last week. Immediately after thy communicate their movements, I voice - & voice where I intended the remark should get into circulation - that the more knowing part of them knew thy counsel not touch me; & that all thy interview by ~~and~~ this noise was, that this Committee should at length advise McC. not to write any more - not to take any more notice of the "young man", & thus afforce him by shelter under which he could retreat from the censure - ^{and} do what he must do, but could not do with credit unless advised to do. [Some grapes!]

One of that Committee was here today thy must do something with me, that I might be able to keep my place (or to that effect for all it has way) perhaps they will give me some ~~upward~~ in good money.

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Phelps

Will you receive my address & send it to your
Sister Elizabeth in New Haven
in this place
where the Episcopate is
more abundant or deeply
interested in our country
than in any other land
or in the regions of the world.

I have thought that if you
would give me a review of my Sermon & Letter
it might be well that you should ^{know} "a little of the
state of things here. But I cannot describe it to
you. We are all in an suspense. Monday
evening Scrn night w^t Mr C. society had a society
meeting (at which Mr C. himself was present)
for the purpose of considering what could be
done about my Sister, or rather me. They
talked long & emphatic about prosecuting
Mr Lee:— he had called Mr Clarke an
infidel! (Mr C. by the way had told them,
Sabbath, from the pulpit, that if what I had
said of him were true, they must either dis-
miss him immediately or let on infidel
(preach.) At length, after much sage & mad
counsel they appointed a committee of nine
persons of whom but two (I believe) were professed
Methodists. [A sort of Ecclesiastical Council!
you see.] That committee met the next even-
ing & then again I believe on Friday, at which
time they deputed one of their number to ask